

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## Sheriff Rose Put to the Test

Sheriff Rose as head of the police force of the city and county of Honolulu is right smack up against the test of whether he amounts to anything or not.

Not alone are the men of the United States army prohibited from using intoxicating liquors while in uniform, but each and every citizen of the United States, any person indeed is prohibited from selling or giving the soldiers liquor in any form.

This is a war measure to protect the health and preserve the morale of the men engaged in the business of war.

Every man with a spark of American loyalty in his make-up knows that now, if never before his plain duty is to support this law. Officers of this city who fail to enforce the law are as derelict in their duty as the slackers and the cowards who run away from danger.

It is Sheriff Rose's particular job to so efficiently police Honolulu that the bootlegger and the common whiskey soaked enemy of the soldier shall be run out of business.

This is Sheriff Rose's share in this fight. He can no more evade the issue than he can check the steady march of national progress.

The sheriff will either control this situation or he will be branded with the ignominy of having failed at a time when his country called.

Furthermore this situation will not wait for foolish excuses. The task is right here and now, and it must be done.

The period in which Sheriff Rose has an opportunity to make good may be a matter of days. It may continue for weeks, but no further. In that time, he, as the official head of the civilian police force, must show by results whether he is an aggressive, loyal and competent citizen and official or a chuckle headed incident of cheap politics with neither ability to perform nor courage of conviction to endeavor to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon him.

Rose can talk buncombe to his fellow Hawaiians all he pleases, he cannot escape the fact that enforcement, strict enforcement of the law relating to the sale of liquor to the men in uniform is the duty he owes to his country. It must be done. It is a national issue. The local authority will be given its chance, and if it fails the law will be enforced by the federal authorities.

Once this responsibility and control passes from the city officials of Oahu to federal control, it will never return.

Under such circumstances, those who must bear the responsibility for such transfer will be incompetent police officers batting around under the alleged direction of an incompetent leader.

When a nation's life is at hazard they have no time to think of men, much less pinhead politics.

The march of events is steadily forward. The wine bums and the whiskey peddlers of Oahu have got to go. If the sheriff of this county has an ounce of sense he will wake up and demonstrate his capacity to understand his responsibility to his country and his fellow citizens.

## THE NEED FOR BIG MEN.

Right in line with the thought expressed in these columns, the Philadelphia Ledger from the latest mail makes a special point of the need in Washington of big men to handle the great work now before the country.

The occasion for the Ledger's comment is the status of the secret service now handled in three different directions by three different departments. This was well enough for times of peace, but will never do when a nation's life is at stake. Summarizing its views the Ledger says:

President Wilson has rightly dissociated himself from many executive details in order that he shall keep himself free to deal with the broader problems of policy and strategy. But there are some details which he cannot ignore, some responsibilities of which he cannot with safety to the country divest himself. In this category fall the duty of seeing that the members of the cabinet are big enough for the tasks entrusted to them, that they are capable of breaking through the barriers of bureaucratic tradition, of cutting departmental red tape and broadminded enough to recognize that in the present emergency the existing agencies of government are incapable of doing the work that has to be done without the cordial and free-headed cooperation of the businessmen of the nation, many of whom are already giving freely of their best to the public service. It rests with the president, and with him alone, to all intents and purposes, to secure in his cabinet and in the subordinate agencies of government that full coordination without which its work will inevitably be bungled, our exterior dangers intensified and the credit of the nation impaired.

This also points the moral that when you see an official doing his work in a broad, man-sized fashion, with all the marks of leadership, let him alone, and give him free swing.

## WOMEN AND SEWING.

(From the Detroit Free Press)  
It would contribute to national as well as individual prosperity if women would learn to sew. It was once part of a girl's education; the present generation of girls can hardly sew on a button; they resort to the safety pin—the buttonless man's last hope. The woman of today is a seafaring patron of the ready-mades, her relief from the dressmaker's exactions. But even the ready-to-wear need reinforcement to prolong their usefulness and good looks. The woman who can make her own home dresses may dress better and more economically as well as more individually, and the paper pattern is as ubiquitous as the postage stamp.

Britain seems to go right on fighting while swapping ministers every day or so.

## 'Tis Practical Patriotism

Bringing politics into public business where the war and preparations for the war are concerned is the work of mighty small men. A case in point is that of one of our territorial officials, a major in the army reserve, who has recently been called to active duty. His departure to enter his country's service and his motives since he left the territory have been the occasion for sneers and innuendo.

Personalities should not enter into such an affair. It is purely a matter of service. Superintendent of Public Works Forbes has demonstrated his patriotism. He is surely entitled to have his position held open for him while he is away on the nation's business. It is an obligation that is recognized by every employer of labor in the country whose employes answer the call to war and there is no reason why the territory should not do likewise.

Major Charles R. Forbes, now on active service in the army of the United States, has demonstrated that he is prepared and ready to do his share. If all the people of the United States were as ready to render their services to their country as he has been, there is strong likelihood that the United States would now have its big army of trained soldiers in the trenches, instead of just setting about the task of forming that army and giving it months of preliminary training before it will be in a position to take care of itself.

## SHIPPING BOARD COMPLAINT.

The settlement of the shipping board controversy recalls the story of a telegram sent to a relative that a maiden aunt of sour disposition had died. The relative responded with the query: "What complaint?" The answer was: "No complaint; everybody satisfied."

The shipping board episode has been unfortunate in extreme.

The merits and demerits may occupy as much space and unhappy comment as the Sampson-Schley squabble—after the war is over. For the present, and let us hope for all time, it appears that the president has done exactly the right thing. The situation was intolerable. The nation's business could not wait. A clean sweep and that alone could clear the wreckage and enable business to proceed. Better the mistakes of action than to be saddled with the cumulative errors of controversy and delay.

Mr. Hurley, named to succeed Mr. Denman, has only recently retired from public service as chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. The country can thank him for giving that commission individuality and character from the very start. It therefore has good reason to believe that this next venture will be a success. He has the advantage of business and administrative experience, and the record of his shipping board predecessors is a solemn warning of the known dangers he and his associates must avoid.

## IN OREGON, TOO.

(From the Portland Telegram)

A new administration will be inaugurated at the city hall next week, and the high cost of living will go on the same as if nothing had happened.

Counting from the first real break for liberty Russia has not begun to go through the tribulation that either France or America endured between scratch and goal. Such a favorable turn as the provisional government appears to have just made looks as if the Bear were cutting across corners to save a few laps. If this government can now keep the army in line, Russia has a future.

With the line of Bishop street extension practically cleared, are the property owners thereon going to hold up the paving of that thoroughfare to suit their convenience for erecting buildings? A great public improvement should not be delayed for any private whim.

Mention in the news that their baseball experience makes Pershing's men quick to learn the trick of the hand grenade is a reminder of the time the champion baseball thrower of Honolulu stopped a revolution here with two well-aimed bombs at the old bungalow in the palace yard.

One thing that may be eagerly hoped for, as an outcome of the food control activities in Hawaii, and that is a permanent coordination of all the agricultural interests of the territory. There is no need for strife between planter and homesteader.

Uncle Sam's entrance in the game may emancipate the small neutral nations of Europe, now suffering from the ruthless subsea warfare, from the terror of the Teuton which has thus far kept them passive.

Wonder if Schwerin is swearin' at the chances for millions he threw away when he let the P. M. boats go in his peeve over the merchant shipping act.

If the Irish can pull off a constitutional convention without a row they will spoil a lot of raw material for the professional humorists.

It looks as if the French Canadians were making a bed for themselves which will develop lumps in the mattress after the war.

If he gets a commission in the army, District Attorney Flickert will have a merry ha-ha at the petitioners for his recall.

# Palama Takes Third Contingent of Kiddies For Two-Weeks Sunshine And Open-Air Trip



Crowd of happy children as they appeared while waiting for the train that was to take them to the Palama open-air camp at Waiiala Monday.

Making the third contingent for this summer, 64 mothers and children were taken to the fresh air camp of the Palama Settlement at Waiiala Monday on an O. R. L. train. This contingent was in charge of one of

the Palama nurses, Miss Mary Markham. The settlement nurses take turns in accompanying the fresh air parties and remain at the camp for the two weeks of the outing. In ages, the children of this party

vary all the way from little 2-year-olds to girls approaching maturity. A number of Japanese were numbered among those going to the camp yesterday, the first time that any of that race has been included in the outing parties this summer. Nearly

all the other nationalities of Hawaii were represented.

Two or three other parties of mothers and children from the tenements will receive the benefit and enjoyment of a country vacation at the camp before the summer is over.

## BANANAS STILL BEING SOLD AT VERY LOW PRICES

More than 40 bunches of bananas went onto the dump heap from the territorial marketing division yesterday. For the last few days they have been on sale at the price of 10 and 15 cents a bunch, but were not sold.

At both the territorial marketing division and Chun Hoon's market bananas are still selling in large quantities at very low prices. The former place is selling bunches at prices ranging between 15 and 35 cents a bunch, while the latter offers bananas at prices between 25 and 50 cents a bunch.

A slight decline in the price of potatoes, with promises of a further drop, is about the only change that has taken place in the potato market of late. California potatoes at Chun Hoon's are selling at \$3 per hundred pounds wholesale, and 4 cents a pound retail.

Island potatoes are selling for \$2.50 a hundred pounds, wholesale, and \$2.75 retail, at the territorial marketing division, and a further drop in the price is predicted. Sweet potatoes which are grown in the islands, are selling at \$1.75 a bag at the territorial marketing division and \$2 a bag at Chun Hoon's market. A bag of sweet potatoes weighs about 90 pounds.

The price of island eggs remains at about 70 cents a dozen, retail. No drop in this price is expected.

## LETTERS

### CATCH THE FOOD SHARKS.

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Sir: How much longer will the price booster, under the guise of business, be allowed to take the life blood of the nation through the channel of "trade." When will some of these commissions do something besides "comparing for an investigation?" All speed to the proposed law that will allow one government to "reach" the food speculators. Let us have the law that will unlock the food supply and meter out retribution to those speculators who are as much our enemies as those who have declared war against us.

The situation that is developing in this country is of a more threatening nature than any like contingency in Europe. Even so long ago as last May we find, by comparison, that in England, where every ounce of food from the outside is menaced by German submarines, the bread that was sold there was made from flour imported from that country, at half the cost of bread made from similar flour here. From statistics I quote: May 19, 1917, flour in United States sold at \$17.60; in England it sold on the same date for \$8.30. On May 12, 1917, potatoes—priced in United States, \$4.00; in

## THE AMERICAN

Oh, U. S. A., our U. S. A., forever wilt thou be,  
Deserving of the holy love thy children bear to thee.  
Behold our arming for thy defense,  
and eager for thy sake,  
To fair where wars appalling blasts,  
like tempests round us break.  
Content with any sacrifice though  
death be close at hand,  
Because of our devoted love for thee,  
our mighty land.

Though perils compass you about,  
though foes in legions rise,  
We see the star of U. S. A. shine  
clearly in the skies.  
And with the courage that it brings  
our blood we'll shed for thee,  
Each drop a gem that well may grace  
the crown of liberty.  
And while that star holds out to  
shine, its light will not depart,  
To leave in darkness and despair the  
brave American heart.

Beneath our homely workmen's garb  
our bosoms nobly thrill,  
With all the lofty sentiments our  
country can instill.  
For ever have our eyes been turned  
to every far frontier,  
Where haply an invading force might  
venture to appear.  
We are the men who made you great,  
who nobly firm and true,  
Will dare to do the mighty deeds we  
dreamed that we might do.

And when the time of peace has come,  
and wondering children see,  
The wounds the war-worn warriors  
received for thee.  
They, too, shall be inspired to deeds  
upon the fields of war,  
To match the glorious records that  
their fathers made before.  
Let all who see the colors pass with  
heads uncovered stand,  
And reverence these protectors of  
thee, our mighty land.

Oh, U. S. A., the sweetest name the  
brave American speaks,  
As he patrols the shining shores or  
watches from the peaks.  
Their country is their life, their all, let  
every woman's prayer,  
Arise to God to bless them, and the  
mighty arms they bear.  
Oh Sun, which glides our lovely land,  
from shore to sea-washed shore,  
Was ever more inspiring sight than  
these our men of war.  
S. SCHILLER,  
Honolulu, H. T.

England, \$1.54; thanks to the food  
sharks of this land.

It is the working class, the thousands upon thousands of producers, working at the same wage they received two years ago, on which the high cost of living has mainly fallen.

Let these numerous commissions do something before we have to follow England's example, and write across the face of the history of our share of this struggle, "Too Late."

## WORKER.

### MILLION COAL MINERS

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